

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to PCT Appln. No. PCT/US2004/002211 filed March 4, 2004, and to German application 103 13 937.0 filed March 27, 2003.

At page 1, line 2, please add the following heading and subheading as shown below:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 6, please add the following subheading as shown below:

2. Description of the Related Art

At page 3, line 31, please add the following heading as shown below:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 3, line 32, please amend the paragraph as shown below:

~~The object of the invention~~ These and other objects are achieved through dispersants based on copolymers obtainable by polymerization of

a) 5 to 70 wt. % of one or more monomers from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated monocarboxylic acids, ethylenically unsaturated carboxamides, ethylenically

unsaturated dicarboxylic acids and anhydrides thereof, each with 4 to 8 C atoms, and (meth)acrylate monoesters of dialcohols with 2 to 8 C atoms,

b) 1 to 40 wt. % of one or more monomers from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated compounds with sulfonate or sulfate functional groups,

c) 10 to 80 wt. % of one or more monomers from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated compounds of polyethylene glycols with 1 to 300 ethylene oxide units, and terminal OH-groups or ether groups -OR', wherein R' can be an alkyl, aryl, alkaryl or aralkyl residue with 1 to 40 C atoms,

d) 5 to 80 wt. % of one or more monomers from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated compounds of polyethylene glycols with 1 to 300 alkylene oxide units from alkylene groups with 3 to 4 C atoms, and terminal OH-groups or ether groups -OR', wherein R' can be an alkyl, aryl, alkaryl or aralkyl residue with 1 to 40 C atoms, each based on the total weight of the copolymer, the stated amounts in wt. % totaling 100 wt. %.

At page 4, line 21, please add the following headings and paragraph as shown below:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURES 1 - 3 are rheology curves for cementitious compositions containing various plasticizing additives.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

At page 19, at line 25, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

The ~~following~~ measurement curves ~~were~~ obtained~~[[:]]~~ are illustrated in Figures 1 to 3.